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OF

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IN pursuance to a resolution passed at the Synodical-meeting of last year, the Ministers and Lay-delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania, met at Reading on Trinity Sunday A. D. 1834, to transact their Synodical business.

In the morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Baker, President of the Synod, preached on Gal. iv. 18.

At the same hour, Candidate Hæsbert preached in the German Reformed Church, on Luke viii. 15—36.

In the afternoon, Rev. C. Miller, Secretary of the Synod, preached on Math. xxv. 46.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. Lochmann preached in the English Language, on Math. xxviii. 5.

At the same hour, Rev. Mr. Wampole preached in the Presbyterian Church, on Psalm xlii. 1—2.

On Saturday evening preceeding, Rev. Mr. Peixoto preached on Math. v. 3.

Monday Morning 9 *o'clock, May* 26*th,*

The Clerical and Lay-members of the Synod met in Church agreeably to public notice. After singing the Synod was constituted with prayer, by the President.

The roll of the Ministers being now called, it appeared that the following brethren were present:

Names of Ministers.	*Residence.*
Pastors Rœller, senr.	Old-Goschenhoppen.
" J. Miller,	Reading.
" Ulrich,	Tulpehocken.

Names of Ministers.		*Residence.*
Pastors	Ernst,	Lebanon.
"	Bætis,	Warwick.
"	Baker,	Lancaster.
"	Probst,	Forks.
"	Münch,	Bernville, Berks co.
"	Keller,	Germantown.
"	C. Miller,	Swamp.
"	German,	Maccungy.
Dr.	Demme,	Philadelphia.
Pastors	Weiand,	Lancaster.
"	G. Jæger,	Hamburg.
"	Lochmann,	Harrisburg.
"	Heilig,	Centre Square.
"	Abele,	Aaronsburg.
"	Scheurer,	Harrisburg.
"	Richards,	Trapp.
"	Bahl,	Berwick.
"	H. S. Miller,	Springfield,
"	Wampole,	Vincent.
"	J. Jæger,	Allentown.
"	Gross,	Schneidersville, North. co.
"	Rœller, jr.	Kutztown.
"	Schütz,	Milton.
"	M. Harpel,	New-Jersey.
"	Finkel,	Harrisburg.
"	Stæhlin,	Orwigsburg.
"	Peixoto,	Philadelphia.
"	Bernheim,	Elisabethtown.
Candidates	Hæsbert,	Pinegrove.
"	Fuchs,	Mifflinville, Col. co.
"	Sahm,	Mountjoy.
"	Becker,	Bernville.

Snydersville

The following brethren were absent, viz:

Dr. Schæfer, Senior of the Ministerium, with an excuse.

Pastors Carpenter, Boone Co., Kentucky.

" Vanhoff, with an excuse.

" Hecht, not excused.

" Meendsen, with an excuse.

" Hemping, with an excuse.

Pastors Schindel, senr. with an excuse.
" Dœring, not excused.
" Wartmann, not excused.
" Strein, not excused.
" Heim, not excused.
" Stecher, not excused.
" Trumbauer, not excused.
" Walz, with an excuse.
" Stein, with an excuse.
" Waage, not excused.
" Beilharz, with an excuse.
" C. P. Miller, not excused.
" Schulze, not excused.
" Schindel, not excused.
" J. Harpel, not excused.

The Lay-delegates now presented their credentials and took their seats as full members of the Synod, viz :

Messrs.	Peter Schmidt,	Old-Goshenhoppen.
	Jacob Solladay,	Reading.
	Peter Schoch,	Tulpehocken.
	Adam Reisz,	Lebanon.
	John Miller,	Warwick.
	John Eshelmann,	Lancaster.
	Jacob Miller,	Bernville.
	Adam Heilig,	Germantown.
	Jacob Renninger,	Swamp.
	Daniel Klein,	Maccungy.
	Jacob Gaus, & Conrad Kircher,	Philadelphia.
	David Grimm,	Maxatawny.
	Peter Brua,	Harrisburg.
	Henry Schæfer,	Berwich.
Dr.	Frederick Heckel,	Vincent.
	John Schweitzer,	Allentown.
	Nathan Trexler,	Kutztown.
	John Aister,	Milton.
	William Koch,	Orwigsburg.
	Henry Reitzel,	Elisabethtown.
	Henry Zimmermann,	Pinegrove.

Peter Harlacher, Mifflinville, Col. co.
Jacob Lindermuth, Mountjoy, Lanc. co.

Delegates from other Synods presented themselves, viz:
Dr. Wackerhagen, of the New-York Synod.
Dr. Hendel of the German Reformed Synod.
Rev. Mr. Rosenmüller, of the West-Pennsylvania Synod, and were cordially received as such. Thus the Synod consisted of 61 members.

Rev. Mr. Gottwald, member of the West-Pennsylvania Synod was introduced, and invited to take a seat among us.

The President now appointed, the Rev. Messrs. Ernst, Bætis, and Wampole, and Messrs. Schmidt and Solladay as a committee to audit his accounts in reference to the legacies;—he also stated that the Synod must proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing year. He then appointed Messrs. Lochmann, Heilig, Schoch and Reitzel to superintend the election.

After the votes had all been taken and counted—the committee reported, that the old officers were re-elected, viz:

Pastor Baker, *President*,
" C. Miller, *Secretary*,
" Ulrich, *Treasurer*.

Resolved: That Rev. Bætis, Demme, Wackerhagen and J. Miller, be a committee to investigate whether it be advisable to continue the order of Catechet's and Candidate's office, as hitherto existing among us, or not; and that they at the same time, express their views, in reference to what may, or should be, required of every one, who applies for admission into our Ministerium.

In reference to a letter, which had been written by a committee, to the Trustees of the Legacies in Halle, it was

Resolved: That we as a Synod, know nothing of the contents of that letter; we never approve of it, that any congregation should be unjustly grieved, and if any thing of a grievous nature to the Philadelphia congregation was contained in said letter, we herewith disapprove of it.

Rev. A. Pauli, member of the German Reformed Synod was introduced and took a seat among us.

The papers addressed to the Synod, were now handed over, numbered, and distributed by the President to five committees, for examination and report.

The *first* committee consisted of Messrs. Geo. Rœller, Ulrich, Hæsbert, Schmidt and Solladay.

The *second*, of Messrs. Ernst, Probst, Fuchs, Schoch and Reisz.

The *third*, of Messrs. Keller, German, H. S. Miller & Eshelmann.

The *fourth*, of Messrs. Lochmann, Abele, Peixoto, Gaus and Kircher.

The *fifth*, of Messrs. G. Jæger, Gross, Stæhlin, Heilig & Miller.

The President also appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account, which consisted, of Messrs. Bætis, Richards, Rœller, jr. Grimm and Brua.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ernst, closed this session.

Monday Afternoon, 3 *o'clock.*

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Bætis.

Whereas only Dr. Demme and Rev. J. Miller, were present of the examining-committee, Rev. Messrs. Ernst, Baetis, Lochmann and Dr. Wackerhagen, were added to them.

The *first* committee reported in reference to the papers committed to them, as follows:

No. 1. Contains a certificate of the building committee of Mooreland congregation, Lycoming county, certifying that the Lutheran congregation there, has a like claim and right, with the English congregation, to the Church Edifice, the burying ground and three acres of land, and that their right and title cannot be disputed by any denomination.

Gratifying.

No. 2. A petition for assistance, from the Friesburg congregation, in the State of New-Jersey.

The Synod regret, that they have not at present the means, to grant the petition.

No. 3. Contains the thanks of the Trustees of the Lutheran congregation in Lower Merion for the aid received out of the Streitish Legacy.

No. 4. A communication from the Old Dryland congregation, in Northampton county, from which it appears that there is a great division and much contention in the congregation.

The committee move that the communication be read before the Synod. —— Agreed to, and read.

Resolved: That Messrs. Keller, Richards, Peixoto, Heckel and Trexler be a committee, to investigate this matter more minutely, and report the result of their investigation to the Synod.

Rev. Messrs. J. Miller, Demme, Ernst, Baetis and Ulrich were likewise appointed a committee, to have an interview with the Rev. Joshua Jaeger, in reference to the charges brought against him, and that they report the result of their interview to the Synod.

No. 5. Contains an apology of Rev. Beilharz, for his absence from Synod.—— Accepted.

No. 6. A letter, from the congregation of Rev. Mr. Schindel, in which they ask the Synod to assist Mr. W. K. Kœhler, in the prosecution of his theological studies.—— See No. 2.

The committee appointed to express their views on the following two points, viz:

1) Whether it be advisable to continue the order of Catechet's and Candidate's offices, as hitherto existing among us, or not; and

2) What the Synod may request of every one who applies for admission into the Ministerium, reported:

In regard to the first, the committee is of opinion that the office of Candidate, though under a different name, yet in reality the same, should be continued in future, as it has hitherto existed; but that the office of Catechet, under existing circumstances, may be abolished.

In regard to the second, the Ministerium, should request first of all, that every applicant produce credible testimonials of a christian life, and an irreproachable conduct—and without such testimonials, should not be admitted to an examination.

In regard to attainments, the committee is of opinion that the Ministerium should make the following demands: Whosoever applies for admission into our Ministerium, must know so much of the Greek language, as to be able to read the New Testament in that language without difficulty; if possible also know so much Hebrew, as to translate the more easy parts of the Old Testament, he must likewise give sufficient proof of his acquaintance with the most important branches of Theology, viz: Exegesis, Dogmatik, Morality, Church History, Apologetik and Homiletik. He must hand over at least one of his own sermons, for examination. Should the Ministerium, in a peculiar case, deviate some little from these demands, it is the opinion of the committee, that such deviation, can only take place, by a resolution for such peculiar case, and that it should be considered as an exception to the rule.

This report was unanimously accepted.

The President now requested the applicants, who wished to be examined, to signify their names. Whereupon Messrs, Cortetz,

Brandstættler, Merz, Münch, Posthauer, and Barnitz reported themselves for examination.

Resolved: That Messrs. Cortetz, Brandstættler, Mertz and Barnitz be recommended to the committee for examination; but Mr. Münch, as a penalty for having transgressed our Ministerial constitution, cannot this year be admitted to examination.

Resolved: That the Rev. Mr. Dietzsch, whom we heretofore recognized as friend, be now considered as a member of our Ministerium.

Concluded with prayer, by Rev. Mr. Probst.

This evening Dr. Wackerhagen preached on John x. 11.

Tuesday Morning 9 *o'clock.*

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The minutes of other Synods, which have kindly been transmitted to us, were now distributed to the following brethren for examination and report:

The Minutes of the	New-York Synod	to	H. S. Miller,
"	North-Carolina,	"	Lochmann,
"	Hartwich,	"	Wampole,
"	Ohio,	"	Hæsbert,
"	South-Carolina,	"	German,
"	German Reformed,	"	Stæhlin.

Rev. Messrs. W. Pauli, of the Reformed congregation in Reading, and Deininger, were introduced and took seats among us.

The committee appointed to investigate more minutely the contention in the Old Dryland congregation, which was occasioned by an election for a Minister, and to set forth their views to the Synod, reported as follows:

From the discipline of the congregation, it appears, that each denomination elect their own Minister, that the members of the Vestry only have a right to vote, and that a majority of two thirds of the Vestry are required to a legal election.

After mature investigation of the election held between Messrs. Jæger and Probst, it appears that the election was held contrary to the discipline or Church Rules, and consequently neither of them can be looked upon as legally elected.

As it would probably be difficult, to restore peace in the congregation, by complying with the discipline, the committee, think, that

it would be better, if the Lutheran vestry by a majority of two thirds, would leave the election to the congregation, whether Mr. Jæger shall in future be the Pastor of the congregation or not. The election to be held under the inspection of a committee appointed by Synod, having been previously published.

The Rev. Mr. Probst, having voluntarily from love to peace, promised to have nothing further to do with the congregation, and hence no more to preach to that people this report was likewise accepted.

The Rev. Messrs. Demme, German, H. S. Miller, Klein and Trexler, were appointed to superintend said election.

The committee which had an interview with Rev. Jæger, in reference to the charges brought against him, reported;

In relation to the first charge: That Mr. Jæger said in the pulpit: Do you believe every thing that is contained in the Bible? I do not believe it! he declares to be unfounded and false. In relation to the second, third and fourth charges, concerning the doctrine of the Trinity, the Divinity of Jesus, and the atonement, he acknowledges after mature reflection, that his views in regard to these doctrines have hitherto been erroneous, and promises—that he will, in future, hold entirely to these doctrines as our Church teaches them, which she certainly does in the spirit of the New Testament.

Accepted.

The *second* committee reported

No. 7. A letter from Rev. Schindel senr., in which he apologizes, for his absence from Synod; and transmits his parochial account.

Excused.

No. 8. A letter from Rev. Hemping, of similar import.

Likewise excused.

No. 9. A letter from Mr. Brandstættler, in which he wishes to be examined, prays to be assisted in paying some debts, which he contracted, during his stay in the theological Seminary at Columbus. The accompanying document is a testimonial in his favour.

Resolved: That the President give him the 25 dollars which were last year voted to him.

No. 10. A receipt from the Vestry at Elisabethtown for 200 dollars presented to the Lutheran congregation of that place, towards liquidating their Church debt, with the assurance that the congregation has complied with the condition proposed by the Synod.

Welcome.

No. 11. A favourable testimony from the congregation at Elisabethtown for the Rev. Mr. Bernheim. —— Gratifying.

No. 12. A letter from the Rev. Dr. S. S. Schmucker of Gettysburg in which he solicits the Rev. brethren of our Synod, to take an active part in the circulation of a work entitled : A concise History of the Christian Church. The committee move that the letter be read. —— Done.

Resolved: That every member of our body, be requested to do what he can towards the circulation of the above named work.

Resolved: That the brethren are likewise requested to give their assistance, in the circulation of a little work written by Rev. Mr. Bernheim, on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper.

No. 13. A letter from our Rev. Senior Dr. Schæfer, in which he excuses his absence on account of bodily debiltiy, wishes the Synod the blessing of God, and expresses many other important thoughts. The committee desire that the letter be publicly read. — Done.

Resolved: That the Rev. Senior be excused, and that the President be requested to return a friendly answer to his letter.

No. 14. A letter from Rev. Meendsen, in which he likewise excuses his absence, wishes that the blessing of God may attend the brethren, and transmits his parochial account.

He too was excused, in hope that he will come to the Synod next year.

The *third* committee reported

No. 15. A letter from the Rev. Jones, a coloured preacher, in which he thanks the Synod, for having been appointed missionary among his coloured brethren,—mentions that since the last Synodical-meeting, he visited 2781 families, of whom 163 were sick,—he further states that he succeeded in collecting and organizing three small congregations ; one in Philadelphia, another in Gettysburg and a third in Chambersburg. He also gives an account of his parochial labours.

The Synod rejoices on account of his activity, and the happy success he met with.

No. 16. A letter from St. John Church, Centre Square, Montgomery County, in which they desire pecuniary aid. —— See No. 2.

Nos. 17 & 18. Letters from Rev. Stock, in which he complains bitterly of his impoverished situation, and ardently prays for help.

Resolved: That he be allowed 12 dollars out of the Rœdelheim Legacy and 12 dollars out of the Synodical Treasury—and that

it be paid over to him by Rev. Mr. Bahl as he may see, he (the said Stock) needs it.

Closed with prayer, by Rev. G. Jæger.

Tuesday Afternoon 3 o'clock.

Session was opened with prayer, by Rev. Geo. Rœller.

Rev. Messrs. Weber of New-York and Hofmann, Reformed Minister of New-Hanover, were introduced and took seats among us.

No. 19. A letter from Rev. Zeiser, Reformed Minister of Luzerne county, from which it appears that some difference exists between him and candidate Fuchs, in regard to the day, on which they preach in one Church. The committee move that the letter be read.—— Done.

Resolved: That Mr. Fuchs, in order to put an end to all strife, be advised, to appoint divine worship on another Sabbath, in that Church.

The *fourth* committee reported

No. 20. A petition from the congregation at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, to receive Mr. William Münch into the Ministerium and likewise to confirm him as their pastor.

No. 21. Contains 4 letters from 5 congregations in Schuylkill county in which they mention that they got at variance with one another, through an election for a Minister, and that they desire the interposition of Synod.

Resolved: That the President be requested to write to the above congregations—inform them of the resolution of the Synod, and the cause of the resolution in reference to Mr. Münch.

Nos. 22 & 23. Contain favourable testimonials for Mr. Fuchs.

Gratifying.

Accompanying two documents are

1) A petition for aid, from a congregation in Wapalope, Luzerne county.—— See No. 2.

2) An excuse of Rev. Stecher for his absence, and an account of his parochial labours.—— Accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Vanhoff and Walz, were verbally excused by Messrs. Lochmann and Peixoto.—— Likewise accepted.

The *fifth* committee reported:

No. 24. Contains sundry objections against an election held in Lower Nazareth, at which Joshua Jæger, was chosen as pastor, signed

by 125 members; at the same time they mention that they have appointed Messrs. Jacob Miller and Peter Lichtenwalder as deputies to attend the Synod, to explain (in case of necessity) matters more fully.—They likewise forward to the Synod their Church Rules, or discipline.

This matter has already been decided.

No. 25. A communication from 3 congregations in Schuylkill county, in which they pray the Synod, to examine Mr. Münch, whom they have elected as their pastor, and if found qualified, to receive him into the Ministerium, and confirm his election as their pastor. —— See the resolution in reference to applicants.

No. 26. A petition from Mr. G. Merz for assistance, accompanied with the most satisfactory testimonial of his former life and conduct, from Genl. Catwallader of Philadelphia—as likewise from Professor Flatt of Stuttgard.

The Synod is pleased with the favourable testimony and will in future remember him, in reference to the aid he desires.

No. 27. A petition from Teacher Dimme for a little help.

Resolved. That 7 dollars be allowed him, out of the Rœdelheim Legacy. On motion

Resolved: That $6 07 be given out of the same Legacy, to the widow Crecelius at Wommelsdorf.

No. 28. A communication from Rev. Mr. Dreyer of Baltimore, in which he requests the brethren of this body, to assist him in his undertaking, in reference to the publishing of the Evangelical Paper.

Resolved: That our Synod is pleased with the laudible undertaking of Mr. Dreyer, and that they obligate themselves to recommend his paper as much as possible.

In reference to the question, which Rev. Mr. Knoske, Minister at Kutztown, asked, relative to a resolution of this Synod, it was

Resolved: That the Synod can have nothing to do with it, since neither Mr. Knoske, nor his congregation are in our connexion.

Rev. H. S. Miller, to whose examination the minutes of the New-York Synod had been committed, reported, that he discovered that our delegate Dr. Demme attended their meeting and was fraternally received, that Dr. Wackerhagen, who to our joy appeared among us, was appointed delegate to our Synod, and that they directed a number of copies of their minutes to be transmitted to our Synod.

Rev. Stæhlin reported, that he examined the minutes of the German Reformed Synod, and found therein, that our Delegates to that

Synod, Rev. Messrs. Hecht and Probst, attended their meeting and were cordially received—that they received our last minutes and that they appointed Dr. Hendel and Rev. Schaffner, as delegates to our Synod.

Candidate Hæsbert reported that he read the minutes of the Ohio Synod, but found nothing in them that had reference to us, except that they had resolved, to send us the minutes of their Synod.

A similar report was made by Rev. Lochmann, in reference to the proceedings of North-Carolina; by Rev. Wampole in reference to the proceedings of the Hartwich Synod; and by Rev. German, in reference to the proceedings of South-Carolina Synod.

Our Synod rejoices on account of the brotherly mind and spirit, which manifests itself in all our Synods, and hopes, that the bond of love will unite us still more closely as christians.

The committee appointed to audit the President's accounts relative to the Legacies, reported, that they attended to the duty imposed upon them, and that they found every thing perfectly correct. That there remain in his hands of the

Legacy of Streit	$ 469	60	and
Do. of Rœdelheim	25	07	

Attested by Ernst,
Bætis,
Wampole,
Schmidt.

The committee, whose business it was made to examine the Treasurer's account, reported, that they likewise found every thing correct, that at our last annual meeting our Treasury contained $ 590 02 of which $ 283 03 were expended during the past year, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $ 306 99.

Subscribed by J. Richards,
I. Rœller,
D. Grimm.

In reference to the Ministers' widows, it was

Resolved: That the widows Illgen and Colson, receive out of the Synodical treasury $20 each.

Resolved: That Messrs. Dietzsch, Weber, Merz and Scheurer be likewise allowed $20 each.

Resolved: That the usual number of copies of our proceedings this year, in the German and English Languages be printed, and transmitted by the Secretary, to the Ministers of our body, like-

wise to the Synods of New-York, Ohio, North-Carolina, West-Pennsylvania, Maryland, Hartwich, South-Carolina, and to the German Reformed Synod.

Resolved: That Rev. B. Keller, translate our proceedings into the English Language.

The Synod now proceeded to the appointment of Delegates.

Rev. J. Miller to the Synod of New-York, and in case he cannot attend, then the Rev. Hecht attend in his place.

Rev. Lochmann to the West-Pennsylvania Synod.

To the German Reformed Synod, which will hold its next meeting at Pittsburg, no delegate was appointed, on account of the great distance.

Closed with prayer.

This evening Dr. Demme preached on Luke xii. 49—59.

Wednesday Morning 9 *o'clock.*

The session commenced with singing and prayer.

The President received a letter from Rev. Benninger, in which he begs the Synod to excuse his absence. —— Excused.

In reply to the question: Shall any Missionaries be sent this year, when, and whereto shall they be sent? it was

Resolved: That Rev. Dietzsch, be appointed for three months, and sent to missionate in the neighbourhood of Pine-Valley, Klingerstown, and the vacant congregations in that vicinity.

Resolved: That it be the duty of the President hereafter annually to lay before the Synod at its opening, a statistic account of the condition of our Church, within the bounds of our Synod.

Resolved: That it be the duty of every member of this body, immediately to inform the President, of all important occurrences, that may take place in his neighbourhood.

The Synodical business now being ended, the Synod proceeded to decide upon the place and time of their next meeting.

The Synod was invited by the congregations at Germantown, Orwigsburg, Schæferstown, &c.

By a regular election it was decided, that Germantown be the place, and Trinity Sunday 1835 the time of our next annual meeting.

After the Ministers had made their parochial reports, the Synodical sessions were closed with prayer, by the Secretary.

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Parochial reports of the Ministers.

Names of Ministers.	*Cong.*	*Bapt.*	*Conf.*	*Com.*	*Bur.*	*Sch.*
Dr. Schæfer, - -	1	208	36	1048	79	3
Pastors Carpenter, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Geo. Rœller, - -	3	101	109	509	33	3
Hecht, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. Miller, - -	5	226	86	616	62	4
Ulrich, - -	7	136	50	948	30	7
Vanhoff, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ernst, - -	6	162	76	968	67	5
Bætis, - -	3	100	57	511	40	3
Meendsen, - -	6	118	78	839	35	6
Baker, - -	1	106	39	390	64	1
Hemping, - -	4	144	87	723	24	—
Schindel, - -	8	280	202	1532	33	3
Probst, - -	6	183	147	986	83	11
Dœring & Wartmann, -	6	157	125	1063	64	7
Strein, - -	1	76	17	150	19	3
Heim, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Münch, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Keller, - -	3	71	48	550	33	7
C. Miller, - -	7	195	135	1530	48	7
Stecher, - -	3	50	—	255	28	3
Trumbauer, - -	4	90	35	352	15	4
German, - -	4	118	43	992	11	3
Dr. Demme, See Dr. Schæfer.						
Pastors Weiandt, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walz, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stein, - -	—	120	74	612	42	6
G. Jæger, - -	8	124	90	822	44	8
Lochmann, - -	3	42	20	383	—	1
Heilig, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Abele, - -	6	145	—	412	32	4
Waage, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scheurer, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Richards, of New-Holland,	5	102	36	467	17	5
Bahl, - -	7	82	15	392	21	7

Names of Ministers.	*Cong.*	*Bapt.*	*Conf.*	*Com.*	*Bur.*	*Sch.*
Pastors Beilharz, - -	4	46	29	323	7	2
H. S. Miller, - -	5	90	88	522	13	—
C. P. Miller, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wampole, - -	4	76	53	769	30	1
Kæmmerer, - -	4	115	58	519	24	4
J. Jæger, - -	4	234	68	669	45	4
Gross, - -	6	40	36	288	9	11
Rœller, jr. - -	6	126	61	654	23	6
Schütz, - -	6	106	30	468	20	—
Benninger, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schulze, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schindel, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
J. Herpel, - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
M. Herpel, - -	1	15	4	32	1	1
Stæhlin, - -	4	26	47	174	16	—
Peixoto, - -						
Bernheim, - -	2	76	29	273	16	1
Candidate Hæsbert, - -	1	24	—	30	6	2
Fuchs, - -	2	47	27	242	18	3
Sahm, - -	5	41	71	383	10	2
Becker, - -	2	61	—	7	16	2

Contributions to the Synodical Treasury.

Pastors Ulrich, - - -	$ 5 00
Ernst, - - -	5 00
Bætis, - - -	15 81
Baker, - - -	10 00
Münch, - - -	2 00
Keller, - - -	10 00
C. Miller, - - -	5 00
G. Jæger, - - -	2 00
Lochmann, - - -	10 00
Abele, - - -	10 50
Bahl, - - -	1 50
Wampole, - - -	4 00
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MINUTES

OF THE

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Wednesday Afternoon 3 o'clock.

The Ministerial Session was opened with prayer.

On motion *Resolved:* That we regret the early departure of our brother Uhlhorn, and condole his family, on the loss they sustained by his death.

The brethren to whom the sermons and journals of the Candidates had been committed for examination, all reported favourably, so that it was resolved, it being thought proper, that no ordination should take place this year, to renew the licenses of all.

The examining committee, reported in reference to the brethren, recommended to them for examination, as follows:

We have endeavoured, as far as time and circumstances permitted, to discharge our duty. Mr. Posthauer we found so well versed in Greek and Theology, that we can without difficulty recommend him, for reception into the Ministerium.

Mr. Barnitz has made a beginning in Greek and Hebrew; and in hope, that he will endeavour to supply, by continued study, what is yet lacking in Theology, we would also recommend him for license as Candidate.

Mr. Cortetz has, it is true, no Philological knowledge, but as he stood a good examination in Dogmatic, Morality and Church History, we would also recommend him for licensure; under this condition however, that he will endeavour, as far as possible, to acquire the necessary knowledge of the Languages.

With Messrs. Merz and Brandstættler, we did not find those attainments, which the Ministerium requires, and can therefore, not at this time, propose them for reception: believing however, that both may become useful labourers in the Vine-yard of the Lord, we would consider it best, if the Ministerium would advise them to continue their studies during the current year, with the promise, that if they do so, and make application next year, they shall be received into the Ministerium.

And as both those brethren, are entirely destitude of means to continue their studies, the committee would [illegible]e, that the President

of Synod pay $50 to each of them, out of Streit's Legacy, as soon as he shall have received the interest in arrears, from Germany. Signed by the committee. The report was accepted.

The Ministerial business having now also come to a close, the brethren once more united in singing, and the President concluded with an appropriate prayer.

In the evening Rev. Henry S. Miller preached in the English language on Ephesians ii. 4—6. Rev. Mr. Ernst returned thanks, in the name of the brethren, to the citizens of Reading, for the kind reception and hospitable treatment they gave them, and then dismissed the congregation, with the blessing of the Lord.

That the foregoing, is a faithful abstract of the proceedings of the Synodical and Ministerial meetings of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, held in Reading, A. D. 1834, is certified by

C. MILLER,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

May God, who in Christ, has established a Church upon earth, for the salvation of man, who has hitherto continued it, called us to be Ministers in the same, and promised to bless all our labours, if they be performed in sincerity of heart—may he now also bless these proceedings, so that much good, and no evil may result from them.

Amen.

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Recd. C. F. Schaeffer

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